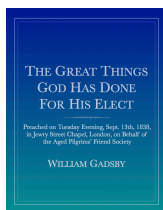


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**May 28th, 2017**

“...the LORD SHALL help  
them, and deliver them: he  
SHALL deliver them from the  
wicked, and SAVE THEM,  
because they TRUST IN HIM.”

(PSALM 37:40)



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## **Schedule of Services**

Sunday School 10:00 am

Sunday Worship 11:00 am

Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm

**As the Lord enables you, please continue to pray  
for our sisters **Pat Maddux & Betty McMahon****

**Happy Birthday!**

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## **HE DROVE THEM ALL OUT OF THE TEMPLE**

“AND WHEN HE HAD MADE A SCOURGE OF SMALL CORDS, HE DROVE THEM ALL OUT OF THE TEMPLE, AND THE SHEEP, AND THE OXEN; AND POURED OUT THE CHANGERS' MONEY, AND OVERTHREW THE TABLES”  
(JOHN 2:15)

The Lord's clearing of the temple, of all that defiled it, was but a picture of how our Lord purged the temple of His own body, the church, and all that defiles her. What defiles the body of His bride? The sin of all her transgressions, indeed the sin of all her *filthy rags* righteousness. (ISAIAH 40:1-2; ISAIAH 64:6)

What a comfort to my soul to read here of this mighty act of the Lord and to have the Spirit of God bless the whole of it to my weary soul with one little word '*ALL*'. Notice how very blessedly, the Holy Spirit records for us the saving power of our Lord in that “*He drove them 'ALL' out of the temple*” (JOHN 2:15). God's word does not say that He drove *SOME* out of the temple, but very blessedly the Holy Spirit records that He drove them *ALL* out of the temple by Himself. Of every thing that defiled His Father's house He drove them *ALL* out by Himself.

What a beautiful picture of how our Lord put away the sins of His people by the sacrifice of Himself (HEBREWS 9:26). Beloved, God's word does not record that the Lord died on calvary to put away *SOME* of our sins, but rather that our Lord has put away *ALL* the sins of His people. For every believing sinner; you who confess that you desperately need the Lord Jesus Christ to put away yours sins; our Heavenly Father is *faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from ALL unrighteousness*, by the *blood* and *righteousness* of His Son. [1 JOHN 1:9]

Beloved, take that word in, '*ALL*'. God's word does not declare that the blood of our Lord cleanses us from *SOME* sins, or cleanse us from *SOME* unrighteousness! Rather, God's word shows us that He has cleansed us from *ALL* sin, indeed, from *ALL* unrighteousness.

If the Lord merely died for 99.9 percent of my sins, I would have no gospel to preach, but that the Holy Spirit should record that blessed word "*ALL*," and condescend to illustrate it so wonderfully, that by Himself, He drove out *ALL* those things that defiled His Father's house. What a beautiful picture of the gospel reality of Him having purged the new living temple of His body, the church.

Beloved, through our union with Him, by the efficacy of His *blood* and the virtue of His *righteousness*, He presents you without spot, without wrinkle, holy and unblameable before Himself with exceeding joy in love. AMEN!

PASTOR

## HE IS ABLE!

"...HE IS ABLE ALSO TO SAVE THEM TO THE UTMOST  
THAT COME UNTO GOD BY HIM..." (HEBREWS 7:25)

I thoroughly detest that form of preaching which presents God in the Trinity of His Persons as being willing to save but unable to effect that which He wills. It is commonly heard in statements that begin with, "God wants to..." or "God has done all that He can do; now the rest is up to you." Any such statement that puts [into question] the power and ability of God to accomplish His will in salvation (or anything else) is dishonoring to God, contrary to the Scriptures and of no comfort to poor, needy sinners. It must be regarded as "another gospel!" The message of the gospel that honors God is true to [the] Scriptures and brings joy and hope to a sinner; the soul cheering truth that "*He is able to save*"! (HEBREWS 7:25).

PASTOR **CHARLES PENNINGTON**

## THE APPLE OF HIS EYE

“HE FOUND HIM IN A DESERT LAND, AND IN THE WASTE HOWLING WILDERNESS;  
HE LED HIM ABOUT, HE INSTRUCTED HIM, HE KEPT HIM AS THE APPLE OF HIS EYE.”  
(DEUTERONOMY 32:10)

The doctrine of God's discriminating grace is not fashionable among a certain body of professors; but it is nevertheless true. According to their views, Jehovah himself is the only being in existence who is not allowed to make a choice. To talk of God's making a choice, and setting apart a people for himself,—they say he is an unjust God and [say he is to be blamed if someone is damned]; he is not a holy and just God in that case. According to them God is unjust because he chooses; yet you find these very characters vindicate their own right to make a choice, in almost every instance. They think they have a right to choose a companion for life; to choose their own food; to choose or reject God; and yet Jehovah has no right to make a choice. He, is the only being without that right. Consequently they sink God lower than the lowest, beggar in existence, they make him lower in their estimation than the poorest sinner under the heavens. But when they have used all their arguments and spent all their pride and enmity against God's right to make a choice, he still chooses as he sits on his unshaken throne; and, in his electing, immortal, and everlasting love, chooses a people for himself; a people that shall glorify him and be his portion for ever. *“The LORD'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.”* God did not find Jacob full of “pious” [virtuous] cultivation with which some persons wish to recommend themselves to God: but he found him in a desert land, where no one but the Lord would have looked for him. No one else would ever expect to find God's gems and jewels and the crown of his rejoicing in a desert land! O what a mercy it is that the Lord comes to seek and to save his own [LUKE 19:10]. If it had not been his work, they would never have been found. No one else would ever look for them there. They would never expect to find them in that low situation in which sin has plunged them. But God knows where to look, and he finds them in a desert land and a howling wilderness. And after he has found them, what does he [do] with them? He leads them forth and instructs them in his glorious dispensations; he teaches them fresh lessons as long as they shall live; and, amidst all the bewildering and dangerous parts of their journey, he keeps them as *“the apple of his eye.”* O what a text that is! The apple of the eye is considered to be the most tender part of the human body. And what is the apple of God's eye? It is his own glory! And where is that secured? In the Person of the Son of God. There the glory of God is secured. So that the Lord keeps those whom he has consecrated and set apart for himself, to be a peculiar people, as sacred and secure as his own glory, in the Person of the God-man Mediator [the Lord Jesus Christ]; for he keeps them *“as the apple of his eye.”* What a blessing it is to be among the number of this peculiar people.

PASTOR **WILLIAM GADSBY** (1773–1844)